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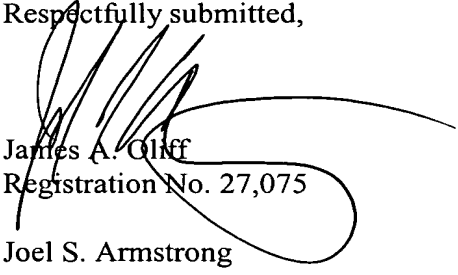
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- ☒ 3. References 1-3 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the Japanese Patent Publications has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy.

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